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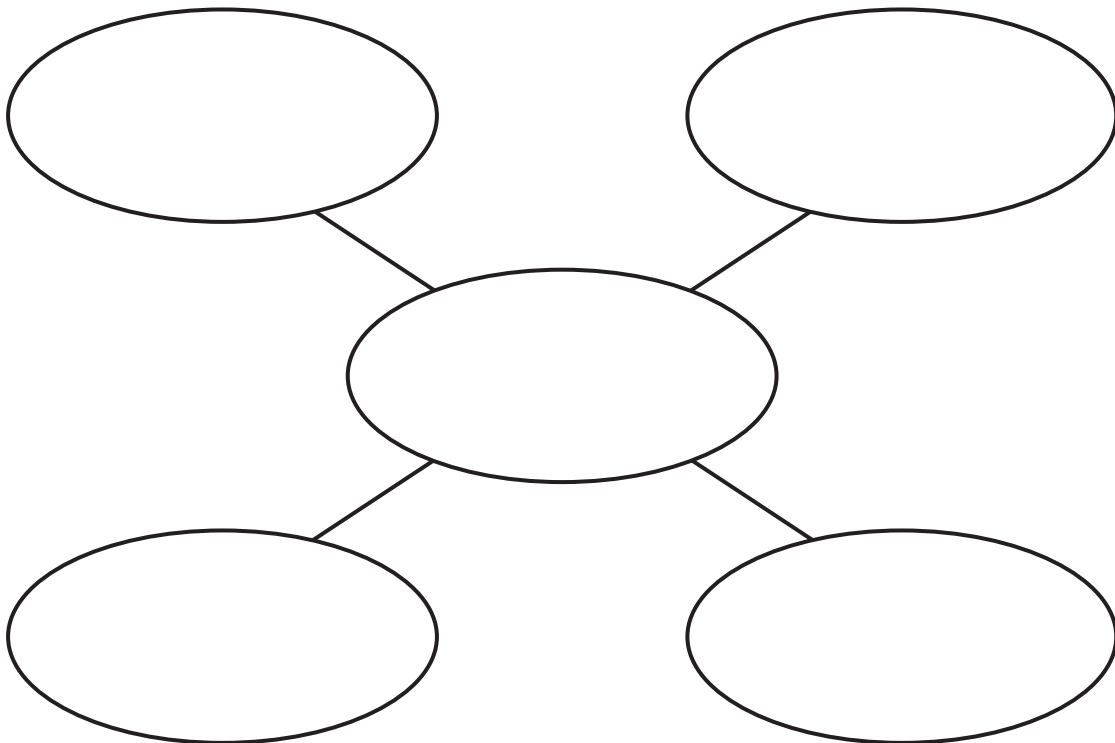
Generalize

- When an author makes a statement of ideas or facts about several things or people, this is a **generalization**.
- Sometimes clue words, such as *most*, *all*, *always*, and *never*, help identify generalizations.

Directions Read the following passage from *The Price of a Pipeline*. On the graphic organizer below, write four supporting facts about the importance of oil—one in each oval. Then, in the middle oval, write the generalization that the author has reached.

Without oil, we could not live as we do. Oil fuels most cars, trucks, buses, boats, trains, and planes. It fuels machines in factories. It heats homes, offices, and schools. Oil is used to make products such as ink, crayons, bubble gum, dishwashing liquids, ammonia, deodorant, eyeglasses, phonograph records, and tires.

In 2003, the United States used 375.3 million gallons of oil a day for transportation and .468 million gallons of oil a day for other purposes. But the United States only produces 44% of the oil it uses. The rest of the oil is imported from other countries.



Vocabulary

Directions Fill in each blank with the word from the box that matches the definition.

Check the Words You Know

___canopy	___environment	___fragrant
___lichens	___permafrost	___pollen
___pollinate	___thermokarst	___tundra
___wondrous		

1. _____ a plant that combines algae and fungus, usually found on rocks
2. _____ a treeless plain, usually in the Arctic
3. _____ to take pollen from flower to flower
4. _____ a landscape of small pits formed by melting ground ice
5. _____ a cover formed by the upper branches of trees
6. _____ having a pleasant scent
7. _____ the fertilizing element of flowering plants
8. _____ remarkable; amazing
9. _____ the area in which something exists or lives
10. _____ a permanently frozen layer of soil

Directions Write a brief paragraph discussing the benefits and risks of the Trans-Alaska pipeline as described in *The Price of a Pipeline*, using as many words from the box above as possible.
